

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 1, 2005. Claims 11-29 are presented for examination. Claims 20, 21 and 26-29 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention. Claims 11, 20-22, 23, 27 and 28 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Office Action indicates that a certified copy of the priority document was not received. This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/094,722 filed on June 15, 1998, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,674,537 on January 6, 2004. Applicant submits that a certified copy of the foreign priority document was filed on August 8, 1998 in the parent application (U.S. Appln. No. 09/094,722) to the subject application. Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgment receipt of the certified copy of the foreign priority document in U.S. Application No. 09/094,722.

Claims 11-13, 16-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,907,319 (Hashimoto).

Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,532,077 (Arakawa).

Claim 11 is directed to an image processing apparatus including: (1) an input unit, adapted to input image data; (2) a processor, adapted to perform a job based on the image data input by the input unit; (3) an operation unit, adapted to display an operation screen for the job to be performed by the processor and accept a user operation based on the operation screen; (4) an entering unit, adapted to enter a user ID; and (5) a controller, adapted to change parameters to be displayed on the operation screen of the operation unit based on the user ID entered by the

entering unit, the parameters being for processing the image data inputted by the input unit and being selectable by a user corresponding to the user ID entered by the entering unit.

Among other notable features of Claim 11 is a controller, adapted to change parameters to be displayed on the operation screen of the operation unit based on the user ID entered by the entering unit, the parameters being for processing the image data inputted by the input unit and being selectable by a user corresponding to the user ID entered by the entering unit.

Hashimoto relates to an image forming apparatus including (1) a display means H for displaying various kinds of information representative of functions relating to a copying operation; (2) a touch position detecting means I for detecting when an operator touches a part of the detecting means; (3) a function setting means J for setting a function corresponding to the position detected by the detecting means I; (4) a picture display control means K for causing the display means H to selectively display a simple picture or a standard picture; and (5) a picture switching means L for selecting either the simple picture or the standard picture. The simple picture allows the operator to select a limited number of basic functions, while the standard picture allows the operator to select all the available functions.

Hashimoto discusses a control section for setting (1) an input user code; (2) either the simple picture or the standard picture as the initial picture; and (3) whether the use of the standard picture is permitted or inhibited. However, nothing in Hashimoto has been found that would teach or suggest “a controller, adapted to change parameters to be displayed on the operation screen of said operation unit based on the user ID entered by said entering unit, the parameters being for processing the image data inputted by said input unit and being selectable

by a user corresponding to the user ID entered by said entering unit,” as recited in Claim 11.

A review of the other art of record, including Arakawa, has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicant’s opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against Claim 11.

Independent Claims 20 and 21 are method and computer program product claims, respectively, corresponding to apparatus Claim 11, and are believed to be patentable over Hashimoto for at least the same reasons as discussed above in connection with Claim 11.

Claim 22 is directed to an image processing apparatus including: (1) an input unit, adapted to input image data; (2) a processor, adapted to perform a job based on the image data input by the input unit; (3) an operation unit, adapted to display an operation screen for the job to be performed by the processor and accept a user operation based on the operation screen; (4) an entering unit, adapted to enter a user ID; and (5) a controller, adapted to change a language used in the operation screen of the operation unit based on the user ID entered by the entering unit. For example, as shown in the present application, the image processing apparatus displays the operation screen in either English (Figure 17) or Japanese (Figure 18), based on the user ID.¹

The Office Action cites the Abstract as disclosing the controller feature of Claim 22. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The Abstract merely discusses, among other things, a picture display control means that causes a display means to selectively display a simple picture which allows a limited number of basic functions to be selected, or a standard picture which allows all the functions, inclusive of the functions available with the simple picture, to be

¹/ It is to be understood that the claim scope is not limited to the details of the embodiments referred to.

selected. However, nothing has been found in Hashimoto that would teach or suggest a controller, adapted to change a language used in the operation screen of the operation unit based on the user ID entered by the entering unit, as recited in Claim 22.

A review of the other art of record, including Arakawa, has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicant's opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against Claim 22.

Independent Claim 27 is a method claim corresponding to apparatus Claim 22, and is believed to be patentable over Hashimoto for at least the same reasons as discussed above in connection with Claim 22.

Claim 23 is directed to an image processing apparatus including: (1) an input unit, adapted to input image data; (2) a processor, adapted to perform a job based on the image data input by the input unit; (3) an operation unit, adapted to display an operation screen for the job to be performed by the processor and accept a user operation based on the operation screen; (4) an entering unit, adapted to enter a user ID using a card; and (5) a controller, adapted to control the operation screen of the operation unit based on the user ID entered by the entering unit using the card.

The Office Action cites column 8, lines 53-66 as disclosing the entering unit feature of Claim 23. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The cited passage merely discusses, among other things, a CG card or font card used to feed font data to a code data file from the outside. Nothing in this passage even hints of an entering unit, adapted to enter a user ID using a card, as recited in Claim 23.

A review of the other art of record, including Arakawa, has failed to reveal

anything which, in Applicant's opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against Claim 23.

Independent Claim 28 is a method claim corresponding to apparatus Claim 23, and is believed to be patentable over Hashimoto for at least the same reasons as discussed above in connection with Claim 23.

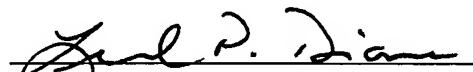
The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are, therefore, believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and, therefore, its entry is believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment After Final Action, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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